

The Library of Congress'

EARLY STATE RECORDS PROJECT

converted from the original microfilm held by the
Vincent C. Immel Law Library, Saint Louis University

through the generous support of a grant from the

Council on Library and Information Resources

Texas Treasurers' reports

reformatted from the original and including:

Special report of the Secretary of the Treasury, <1839>

Report of the State Treasurer of the State of Texas, <1854-55>

Annual report of the Treasurer of the State of Texas, <1858>

Report of the Treasurer of Texas, <fiscal year ending August 31, 1859>, <fiscal year ending August 31, 1861>

Annual report of the State Treasurer, <fiscal year ending August 31, 1868>-<fiscal year ending August 31, 1869>

SPECIAL. REPORT

OF

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

November, 1839.

PRINTED BY ORDER OF CONGRESS.

WHITING'S PRINT.

Special Report, &c.

TO THE HON. DAVID G. BURNET,

President of the Senate:—

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit the estimates of the year 1840, as based upon the best evidence in this Office, and furnished from the several Departments and accounting Bureaus; a synopsis of which follows:

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Civil,	- - -	276,520
Civil Contingent,	-	71,000
Naval,	- - -	550,786
Military,	- - -	559,533
Mail Transportations,	-	40,000

\$1,497,839 00

On account of previous liabilities.

Military for 1838,	- - -	148,632
" " 1839,	- - -	76,186

Probable cost of removing the Shawnee Indians, a part of which has been paid but not charged to any appropriation, 15,000

Interest on Funded Debt,	-	100,000
Promissory Notes,	- - -	110,000

449,818 00

\$1,947,657 00

There has been already advanced on account of the above estimates, the sum of 99,596 59-100 Dollars for the purchase of Naval Stores, and 103,638 39-100 Dollars for Military Stores, which, though for the service of 1840, will appear charged in the disbursements of the present quarter, and consequently those amounts to be covered by future appropriations will be reduced to the following sums, viz:

Military for 1840,	- - -	455,894 61
Naval " " - - -	- - -	451,189 41

At the termination of the present year, the unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made, (with one exception,) will be small, and as the laws providing them are, in many instances, so expressed as to render it doubtful whether they can with propriety be used to meet the expenditures of future years, I would respectfully recommend that the appropriations for the ensuing year be passed without regard to them, and that those balances be closed, except for the payment of liabilities previously incurred of the character for which they were severally intended to provide. The estimate of Civil Contingent expenses, it is believed, fall short of the amount of actual demands that will be made upon the Treasury for this purpose during the ensuing year.— As by the books of the Second Auditor, it appears that during the six last preceding months, the sum of twenty-four thousand seventy-five dollars and fifty-five cents has been audited for expenses of criminal prosecutions to pay the fees of Sheriffs, District Attornies and Clerks of District Courts, which amount, instead of diminishing, will doubtless increase for the future.

I would respectfully call attention to the laws now in force upon this subject. A reference to them will show that while the expenses of keeping prisoners in the several counties, and the costs of prosecution are paid out of the Treasury of the Republic, the fines and forfeitures resulting from conviction are retained by the counties in which the prosecutions are instituted; and as there is no law requiring counties to provide jails, such as voluntarily incur this expense by the erection of those buildings, are, nevertheless, compelled to bear an equal share of costs of guarding prisoners in the counties not similarly provided. To prevent this inequality, I would suggest the propriety of requiring that each county be subjected to the expense of keeping its prisoners, and that the fines and forfeitures be returned to the Treasury of the Republic, to form a fund towards defraying the expenses of the criminal prosecutions. I would also suggest the expediency of modifying the laws relative to District Attornies' fees, [who are now allowed compensation from the Treasury of the Republic, not only in successful but unsuccessful prosecutions,] so as to entitle them to fees only in cases of conviction, and where they cannot be collected from the party. Under the present system, it is the interest of the District Attorney to crowd the criminal docket with indictments, and as his fees are collected at an earlier period when the case is decided against the Republic than in its favor, he is virtually paid for relaxing the energy of prosecution.

The estimated receipts for the ensuing year, as derived from

the internal resources of the country, based upon the suggestions contained in the annual report from this Department, submitted to the Honorable Congress at the opening of their present session, are as follows:

From Customs,	400,000
" Direct taxes and land dues,	500,000
" Sales of Calhoun and Austin,	400,000
Amounting to	<u>\$1,300,000 00</u>

Under the present laws, however, owing to their great defects in prescribing the manner of assessing and collecting the direct tax, and the inability of this Department to compel the receivers of public monies to pay them into the Treasury, it is believed that not one-fourth of that sum would be realized to the Government.

In addition to the above, a further sum may be derived from the unsold and forfeited lots on Galveston Island, a sale of which, I would respectfully recommend. The number of those lots is 1419, the receipts from which at \$200 per lot, would amount to \$283,800. One half of this sum, if the lots were soon disposed of upon the usual terms, would be collected during the ensuing year,—thus realizing the sum of \$141,900, which added to the above amount, \$1,300,000, gives, \$1,441,900, as the estimated internal resources of the country for the year 1840, it being but \$55,939 less than the current expenditures for the same period.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. STARR, *Sec'y of Treasury.*

CIVIL CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Translating and printing the laws of Texas in the Spanish language,	15,000
Sheriffs' fees,—keeping prisoners, &c,	15,000
District Attornies' and District Clerks' fees,	15,000
Assessors of taxes,	8,000
Survey of land scrip,	5,000
Running county lines,	5,000
Making county maps,	8,000
Total amount,	<u>\$71,000 00</u>

[Signed]

MUSGROVE EVANS,
Second Auditor.

Report of Funds required by the following Disbursing Bureaus:—

Paymaster-General.

For the payment of the Militia under Gen. Rusk, - - -	33,049
For the payment of Rangers in Red River County, - - -	15,643
For the payment of the Militia under Gen. Dyer, - - -	49,940
For the payment of expelling the Cherokees, (1839,) - - -	21,000
For the payment of Rangers for services on the frontier, - - -	55,186
For the payment of regular army this year, (1840,) - - -	306,649

\$481,467 00

Quarter-master and Comm'y Gen'ls.

For the payment of an amount still due of Gen. Rusk's Campaign, - - - - -	50,000
---	--------

\$50,000 00

Quarter-master General.

Amount of Funds required this year, - - - - -	102,275 75
---	------------

\$102,275 75

Commissary-General of Subsistence.

Amount of Funds, required this year, - - - - -	148,108 52
--	------------

\$148,108 52

Total, - - - - -	781,851 27
------------------	------------

RECAPITULATION.

Pay-master General.

Amount of Funds required for		
1838, - - - -	98,632	
Amount of Funds required for		
1839, - - - -	76,186	
Amount of Funds required for		
1840, - - - -	306,649	
		481,467 00

Quarter-master & Com'y Gen'ls.

Amount of Funds required for		
1838, - - - -	50,000	
		50,000 00

Quarter-master General.

Amount of Funds required for		
1840, - - - -	102,275 75	
		102,275 75

Commissary General.

Amount of Funds required for		
1840, . - - -	148,108 52	
		148,108 00

Surgeon General.

Amount of Funds required for		
1840, - - - -	2,500	
		2,500 00

\$784,351 27

War Department.

[Signed]

A. SIDNEY JOHNSTON.

ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENSES FOR THE NAVY ONE YEAR.

No. 1. For the payment of Officers,		
Seamen and Mariners,	252,628	
" 2. " Provisions, - -	78,177	
" 3. " Clothes and equipments		
for Mariners, - -	8,513	
" 4. " the purchase of Cloth-		
ing, &c., - -	55,841	
		\$415,159 00

	Amount brought over,	395,159 00
No. 5. For Ordnance stores,	26,141	
" 6. " Stores in the Master's, Boatswain's, Gunner's, Carpen- ter's and Sailmaker's department,	65,000	
No. 7. For expenses of vessels in Commission and the Navy Yard, including surgical instruments and medicines, pilotage, freight of stores, provisions and clothing, fuel, candles and stationery,	65,000	
No. 8. For building a naval store and blacksmith shop at the Navy Yard,	8,000	
		164,141 00

\$559,300 00

The amount of No. 4 for clothes and mariners to be deducted, as the men are charged with them as drawn out by them,	8,513 00
--	----------

\$550,787 00

*Estimate of the expenses of the several Civil Departments of
the Government, for the year 1840, supposing the currency
in which they are paid will be at par, to the amount neces-
sary for purchase in the United States.*

EXECUTIVE.

President's salary,	10,000	
Private Secretary,	2,000	
Stationery, fuel and lights,	800	
		\$12,800 00

STATE DEPARTMENT.

Salary of the Secretary,	3,500	
Chief Clerk,	2,000	
Other Clerks,	3,900	
		\$9,400 00

	Amount brought over,	9,400 00
Stationery, fuel, lights, &c.,	-	1,000
Printing,	-	10,000
Foreign Ministers, Agents and their Secretaries,	-	56,000
Superintendents of Officers and three porters,	-	4,000
		71,000 00
		\$80,400 00

CONGRESS.

Pay of 38 Members 120 days, at five dollars per day,	-	22,800
Pay of Speaker 120 days, at seven dollars per day,	-	840
Pay of Clerks,	-	3000
" " Sergeant-at-arms 120 days, at five dollars per day,	-	600
Pay of Reporter 120 days, at eight dollars per day,	-	900
Pay of Door-keeper 120 days, at five dollars per day,	-	600
Pay of Chaplain 120 days, at five dollars per day,	-	600
Pay of Interpreter of Spanish 120 days, at five dollars per day,	-	600
Pay of Printing,	-	3,000
Contingent expenses,	-	2,000
		\$35,000 00

SENATE.

Pay of 14 Members 120 days, at five dollars per day,	-	8,400
Pay of President 120 days, at seven dollars per day,	-	840
Pay of Clerks,	-	2,160
" " permanent Clerks,	-	2,190
" " Sergeant-at-arms 120 days, at five dollars per day,	-	600
Pay of Reporter 120 days, at eight dollars per day,	-	960
		\$15,150 00

	Amount brought over,	15,150 00
Pay of Chaplain 120 days, at five dollars per day,	- - - 600	
Pay of Door-keeper 120 days, at five dollars per day,	- - - 600	
Pay of Printing,	- - - 2,000	
Contingent expenses,	- - - 2,000	
Pay of Interpreter of Spanish 120 days, at five dollars per day,	- - - 600	
		5,800 00
		\$20,950 00

JUDICIARY.

Chief Justice,	- - - - 5,000	
Five District Judges at \$3000	- - - 15,000	
		\$20,000 00

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Salary,	- - - - 3,000	
Stationery, fuel and lights,	- - - 500	
		\$3,500

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Salary of the Secretary,	- - - 3,500	
Chief Clerk,	- - - 1,500	
Book-keeper,	- - - 1,500	
Revenue Clerk,	- - - 1,500	
Two assistant Clerks,	- - - 2,400	
Books and Stationery,	- - - 500	
Contingent expenses,	- - - 300	
		\$11,200 00

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Salary of Treasurer,	- - - 2,500	
Two Clerks,	- - - 3,000	
Books and Stationery,	- - - 500	
Office furniture.	- - - 100	
		\$6,100 00

FIRST AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Salaries,	-	-	-	-	6,400
Stationery,	-	-	-	-	393
Lights,	-	-	-	-	96
Fuel,	-	-	-	-	90
Contingent,	-	-	-	-	100

\$7,079 00

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Salary of Second Auditor,	-	-	-	2,500
Chief Clerk,	-	-	-	1,500
Assistant Clerk,	-	-	-	1,200
Printing, blanks, stationery, fuel, candles, furniture, &c.,	-	-	-	1,000

\$6,200 00

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Salary of Comptroller,	-	-	-	3,000
Chief Clerk,	-	-	-	1,500
Assistant Clerk,	-	-	-	1,200
Books and Stationery,	-	-	-	800
Office furniture,	-	-	-	300

\$6,800 00

STOCK COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Salary of Stock Commissioner,	-	-	-	1,500
Chief Clerk,	-	-	-	1,500
Book-keeper,	-	-	-	1,500
Stationery, blanks, furniture, &c.,	-	-	-	1,000

\$5,500 00

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Salary of the Secretary,	-	-	-	3,500
Chief Clerk,	-	-	-	1,500
Three assistant Clerks,	-	-	-	3,600
Contingent,	-	-	-	1,400

\$10,000 00

VICE PRESIDENT.

Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000 00
---------	---	---	---	---	---	---	----------

WAR DEPARTMENT AND BUREAUS.

War Department proper,	-	-	12,090
Ordnance Department,	-	-	3,090
Quarter master-General,	-	-	3,470
Commissary,	-	-	3,720
Adjutant,	-	-	2,985
Pay-master,	-	-	2,236
Surgeon,	-	-	500

\$28,091 00

GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Salary of Commissioner,	-	-	3,000
" " Translator,	-	-	2,000
Chief Clerk,	-	-	1,600
Two assistant Clerks,	-	-	3,000
" " "	-	-	2,400
Clerk to Translator,	-	-	1,500
Contingent expenses,	-	-	500

\$14,000 00

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Salary of Postmaster-General,	-	2,000
Chief Clerk,	-	1,500
Assistant Clerk,	-	1,200
Contingent expenses, including a set of books, stationery, &c.,	-	1,200

\$5,900 00

Total amount,	-	-	-	-	\$276,520 00
[Signed]					N. AMORY,

Chief Clk Department State.